



5. Encouraging Long-Term Economic Growth

Phase III Recommendations

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Tax and Fiscal Reforms

- Centralized sales tax collection and auditing
- Simplified sales tax system with lower rates, an expanded base, and a unified structure
- Simplified income tax system with lower rates and fewer deductions
- Reduction or elimination of the franchise tax
- Reform of the inventory tax and credit
- Streamlined process for the Industrial Tax Exemption Program

Legal and Regulatory Improvements

- Comprehensive legal reform, including an end to local government's litigation against the oil and gas industry
- Streamlined deployment process for broadband to expand capacity and connectivity
- Elimination of occupational licensing mandates not required in most states
- Permanent relief from regulations waived during COVID-19 that do not jeopardize public health or safety, transparency or inclusion

Governmental Reforms

- Steps toward a Constitutional Convention, drawing upon the multi-year work of the Public Affairs Research Council for a framework of recommendations that include addressing state/local fiscal balance
- Modernization of legacy pension systems and civil service structures
- Re-creation of the Commission on Streamlining Government
- State and local budget transparency

A Modern Economy

- Transformation of Louisiana’s educational systems to build a workforce ready for the knowledge-based economy
 - K12 schools: Rigorous digital instruction, literacy interventions, expansions of school choice, and innovative funding models whereby “dollars follow the child”
 - Higher education: Creative financial support including economic development partnerships, new models of instruction in the physical and digital space, more support for students to improve outcomes, modernization in credentialing, and better alignment with K-12 schools and careers

A Modern Economy (cont.)

- Policies and incentives that move Louisiana toward a knowledge-based economy
- Deliberate actions to build a more inclusive economy such as the adoption and expansion of small business purchasing policies, local first incentives, the participation of DBE/Hudson/veteran businesses on state-funded public infrastructure projects, mechanisms to improve access to capital for small businesses, and quick-pay policies for small and minority businesses
- Investments in infrastructure, particularly large-scale projects and public-private partnerships
- Positioning Louisiana to re-shore critical industries from overseas